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Dear Mr. McKenna:

This letter is in response to your Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated February 15, 2019, in which you seek the following:

1. Electronic copies of any email correspondence exchanged between the Attorney General or First Assistant Attorney General, and any of the following external individuals or companies (listed below) from September 10, 2017 to the present:

Reed, Clint  
Bearden, Richard  
Coon, Robert  
Benham, Terry  
Sheppard, Courtney

Thurman, Joe R.  
Erbach, Donald  
Poole, Mary Carol  
Paschall, Bill  
Behrens, Mark  
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2. Electronic copies of any email correspondence sent to or received by the Attorney General or First Assistant Attorney General from September 19, 2017 to the present, which includes the following keywords:

British Petroleum  
BP  
ConocoPhillips  
Conoco  
Chevron  
ExxonMobil  
Exxon

Royal Dutch Shell  
Hagens German  
Hagens  
Matthew Pawa  
Matt Pawa  
Pawa  
HBSS

Please be advised that, to the extent this office keeps any records that might be responsive to your request, such records would nevertheless be exempt from disclosure as working papers of the Attorney General under the FOIA (Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(b)(7)). Your request is therefore respectfully denied.

Additionally, it appears that neither you nor your organization is a citizen of Arkansas. As such, you are not entitled to inspect and copy public records pursuant to the Arkansas FOIA. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-19-105(a)(1)(A) (“[A]ll public records shall be open to inspection and copying *by any citizen of the State of Arkansas* during the regular business hours of the custodian of the records.” (Emphasis added)). Cf. *McBurney v. Young*, 569 U.S. 221, 133 S.Ct. 1709 (2013).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Benafield".

Julie Benafield

Chief Deputy Attorney General